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1. REPORT PRESENTS POSITIVE OUTLOOK FOR PROPOSED USP PROJECT CONCLUDING THAT THE PROJECT MEETS DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA AND USP HAS NECESSARY CAPABILITY TO UNDERTAKE PROJECT. BASED ON THE REPORT, WE ARE CONDUCTING PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH NASA OFFICIALS REGARDING SATELLITE AVAILABILITY AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS.

2. OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. TO FURTHER THE UNIVERSITY'S GOAL OF PROVIDING PRE-DIPLOMA LEVEL COURSES TO STUDENTS IN THEIR HOME ENVIRONMENT BY USING SATELLITE COMMUNICATION FOR:

-DELIVERY OF AUDIO-VISUAL COURSE MATERIAL;
-TUTORIALS BETWEEN STUDENTS AND USP FACULTY;
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-COURSE MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION, LOGISTICS.

B. TO DISSEMINATE DEVELOPMENT-RELATED INFORMATION FROM VARIOUS UNIVERSITY AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY SOURCES (E.G., UNIVERSITY INSTITUTES, AGRICULTURE COLLEGE, REGIONAL INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES) TO KEY DEVELOPMENT PERSONNEL IN MEMBER COUNTRIES

THROUGH:

- SPECIALLY DEVELOPED AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS
- CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS CONDUCTED BY SATELLITE.

C. TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUTREACH DEVELOPMENT WORKERS, E.G., EXTENSION WORKERS, HEALTH PARAPROFESSIONALS, PRIMARY TEACHERS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKERS, ETC. BY USING SATELLITE COMMUNICATION FOR:

- COORDINATION OF OUTREACH ACTIVITIES;
- INSERVICE TRAINING/UPGRADING;
- CONSULTATION WITH RESOURCE PEOPLE;
- DELIVERY OF DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION FOR DISSEMINATION BY THOSE OUTREACH PERSONNEL.

D. TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF VARIOUS COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES FOR ACCOMPLISHING THESE OBJECTIVES; INCLUDING:

- MULTI-POINT INTERACTIVE AUDIO
- MOTION VIDEO - REAL-TIME DELIVERY BY SATELLITE

- SLOW SCAN VIDEO
 - FACSIMILE (TELECOPYING)
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E. TO IDENTIFY THE USP'S REGIONAL COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PLAN FOR TRANSITION TO OPERATIONAL SERVICE.

3. IT IS PLANNED TO BEGIN THE PROJECT IN JANUARY 1979 AND RUN FOR 3 SEMESTERS WITH FINAL EVALUATION SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 1980.

4. PRIMARY OBJECTIVES WILL BE TO

A. IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE PRE-DIPLOMA AND DIPLOMA LEVEL (VOCATIONAL) COURSES WHICH LEAD TO DIPLOMAS IN TROPICAL AGRICULTURE, TROPICAL FISHERIES, EDUCATION, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES, AND SOCIAL SERVICE; AND

B. TO EXTEND THE USP'S OUTREACH ACTIVITIES TO REACH A TARGET AUDIENCE OF COMMUNITY LEVEL DEVELOPMENT WORKERS WITH PROGRAMMING DRAWING UPON RESOURCES

NOT ONLY FROM USP BUT ALSO FROM OTHER DEVELOP-

MENT AGENCIES SERVING THE REGION.

5. ATS-6 WILL BE USED FOR FOUR HOURS PER WEEK FOR OUT-REACH PROGRAMMING AND FOR VISUAL MATERIALS TO SUPPORT THE DIPLOMA LEVEL COURSES, PARTICULARLY IN SCIENCE, ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES AND EDUCATION FOR TEACHER UPGRADING. THE PERCENTAGE OF OUTREACH PROGRAMMING WILL INCREASE THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT, WITH THE ADDITION OF MATERIAL PREPARED AT THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE IN ALAFUA FOR DISTRIBUTION FROM SUVA. ATS-1 WILL BE USED FOR TUTORIALS, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, AND CONFERENCES, WITH EXTRA TIME ADDED FOR FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION, SLOWSCAN BETWEEN SUVA AND ALAFUA, AND INTERACTION DURING VIDEO PRESENTATIONS. EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO ORIENT MORE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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THE AUDIO INTERACTION AND CONFERENCING TO COMMUNITY-LEVEL OUTREACH ACTIVITIES.

6. USP WILL REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO PROCURE AND INSTALL THE ATS-6 EARTH STATIONS AND TO OBTAIN, TEST AND INSTALL THE PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT: E.G., FACSIMILE OR TELEPRINTER, SLOWSCAN, VIDEO STUDIO, ETC. A U.S. TECHNICAL TEAM WILL BE REQUIRED TO GO TO FIJI TO SET UP THE VIDEO UPLINK, AND TO ASSIST WITH AT LEAST THE FIRST FEW INSTALLATIONS OF ATS-6 TERMINALS AND PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT, AND TO TRAIN USP TECHNICAL STAFF IN OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.

7. WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE FINAL PROJECT PROPOSAL BY END OF MAY AND WILL ATTEMPT SCHEDULE NECESSARY REVIEWS DURING JUNE.

8. COPY OF REPORT POUCHED MAY 11. VANCE

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